

structure appears and a spinodal decomposition occurs, exclusive of a C14 single-phase region, where C14 is a typical structure of a Laves phase and  $MgZn_2$  type crystal structure; and said principal phase has a regular periodical structure and its apparent lattice constant is from 0.2950 nm to 0.3150 nm.

B2 10. (New) A cell electrode comprising said hydrogen-absorbing alloy according to claim 2.

11. (New) A cell electrode according to claim 10, wherein said cell electrode has excellent cell characteristics in the maximum discharge capacity and the capacity retaining ratio after 100 charge/discharge cycles.

12. (New) A cell electrode according to claim 11, wherein the maximum discharge capacity is 375 to 465 mAh/g and the capacity retaining ratio after 100 charge/discharge cycles is 80 to 95%.